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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Vermont Department of Public Service Releases Public Comments Draft of the 10-Year Telecommunications Plan

Montpelier -- The Vermont Department of Public Service announces the release of the <u>public comments draft</u> of the 2021 Vermont 10-Year Telecommunications Plan. This draft is the first of two drafts that the Department will release prior to adopting the Final Plan on June 30. The Plan addresses the major ongoing developments in the telecommunications industry, including broadband infrastructure development, regulatory policy and recommendations for future action. The draft was written by the Department's consultants, CTC Energy and Technology and Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc.

The Department will hold a public hearing on the public comments draft on Thursday, May 20 at 4 p.m. The Department is also soliciting written feedback from the public on this draft of the plan until May 30. The Final Draft Plan will be issued June 1 and the Department will hold additional public hearings on that draft. Members of the public will be encouraged to provide comments on the Final Draft through the month of June. The Final Adopted Plan will be released June 30.

Written comments can be submitted to <u>psd.telecom@vermont.gov</u> or through a short survey that can be found on the Department's <u>10-Year Telecommunications Plan webpage</u> at <u>https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/10-year-telecommunications-plan</u>. Additional information, including information on upcoming hearings can be found at the Telecommunications Plan webpage.

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